

That Which is Claimed:

1. A cosmetic or dermatological formulation, comprising
a) iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof; and
b) a polyol.

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2. A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in an amount of 0.001 to 15 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.

10 3. A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in an amount of 0.01 to 10 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.

15 4. A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in an amount of 0.05 to 5 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.

20 5. A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyol is present in a concentration of 3 to 65% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.

25 6. A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyol is present in a concentration of 2 to 25% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.

7. A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof includes iminodisuccinic acid.

8. A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof includes the tetrasodium salt of iminodisuccinic acid.

5 9. A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyol includes one or more polyols selected from the group consisting of glycerol, sorbitol and butylene glycol.

10 10. A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyol includes glycerol, sorbitol and butylene glycol.

11. A skin care product including the cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1.

15 12. A face care product including the cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1.

13. A sunscreen product including the cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1.

20 14. A method of moisturizing the skin, comprising applying to the skin a cosmetic or dermatological formulation comprising iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof; and a polyol.

25 15. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation in an amount of 0.001 to 15 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.

16. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation in an amount of 0.01 to 10 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.

5 17. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation in an amount of 0.05 to 5 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.

10 18. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the polyol is present in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation in a concentration of 3 to 65% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.

15 19. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the polyol is present in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation in a concentration of 2 to 25% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.

20. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation includes iminodisuccinic acid.

20 21. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation includes the tetrasodium salt of iminodisuccinic acid.

25 22. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the polyol in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation includes one or more polyols selected from the group consisting of glycerol, sorbitol and butylene glycol.

23. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the polyol in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation includes glycerol, sorbitol and butylene glycol.

24. A method of increasing the skin-moisturizing action of a polyol in a cosmetic or dermatological formulation, comprising adding to the cosmetic or dermatological formulation iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof.